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1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING ARE GOJ POSITIONS ON ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES
DETAILED REFTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. MATSUDA, UNITED NATIONS BUREAU, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DIV, FONOFF
AND DELEGATE TO SUBJECT CONGRESS CONVEYED GOJ POSITION ON
ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES DETAILED REFTEL TO EMBOFF AS FOLLOWS:

A. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION. GOJ WILL ASSUME NEW 50-UNIT CATEGORY
IF ADOPTED AT UPCOMING CONGRESS.

B. MANDATORY ROTATION. GOJ UNWILLING TO COMMIT ITSELF TO CO-
SPONSORSHIP OR SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL TO DELETE MANDATORY ROTATION
PRINCIPLE PRIOR TO OPENING OF UPU AND INTENDS MADE FINAL DECISION
QTE IN LIGHT OF OPINIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES UNQTE.

C. SIZE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. GOJ SUPPORTS PAKISTAN'S PROPOSAL

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TO CREATE ADDITIONAL SEAT FOR ASIA REGION ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

DESIRE IS FOR ASIAN REPRESENTATION ON PAR WITH
THAT OF AFRICAN NATIONS.
THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH GENERALLY SUPPORTATIVE OF U.S.
POSITION THAT FOR REASONS OF EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY INCREASE IN
SIZE OF COUNCIL
SHOULD BE KEPT TO MINIMUM, GOJ WILLING ACCEPT MODERATE INCREASE,
NAMELY ADDITIONAL ASIAN SEAT.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: SINCE JAPAN SEEKING RE-ELECTION TO EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE TERM MANDATORY ROTATION PRINCIPLE
OF LITTLE IMMEDIATE CONCERN. INTEREST APPARENTLY FOCUSED ON
OBTAINING ADDITIONAL ASIAN COUNCIL SEAT. PROSPECTS FOR TRADE-
OFF OF GOJ SUPPORT FOR DELETION OF MANDATORY ROTATION FOR U.S.
SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN PROPOSAL APPEAR FAVORABLE.
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